

**"UNINSTRUCTED," SAYS TILLMAN**

Gives Advice in Choosing Delegates from South Carolina.

Washington, Feb. 23.—Senator Tillman to-day made the following statement:

"In view of the fact that I am a member of the Democratic national committee and have been since 1892, and have attended every national convention except that at Denver, during the last 20 years, it may not be improper for me to express my views on the coming convention at Baltimore.

"I believe the South Carolina delegation at the convention should go uninstructed, as far as candidates are concerned; that has been the custom with our people so long that it is almost a rule. Let the State convention select good, representative men and instruct them to look over the field and determine what candidate they will support, by ballot among themselves, and the chairman can announce the results. In this way the State will wield an influence which would be impossible if each delegate should vote his individual preference.

"But I am more concerned lest the fight on local issues shall result in embittering the situation in the State more than it now is. State politics should not govern the selection of delegates and it would be unfortunate if the delegates to Baltimore are elected to do any one man's bidding; in other words, we do not want a Bleese delegation, a Jones delegation or a Tillman delegation, but a delegation alive to the best interests of the Democratic party and that only. We have, in my opinion, the best chance to elect a Democratic president since the war. I never regarded Cleveland's administration as Democratic and I do want to live long enough to see a Democratic president inaugurated. If we make no mistake in the nomination, we are bound to win."

**Confesses Murder of Eight Infants.**

New York, Feb. 24.—The mystery of eight deaths of babies in the Brooklyn nursery and infants' hospital was solved last night, the police say, by the confession of Winifred Ankers, a kitchen woman at the hospital, admitting that she placed oxalic acid in the babies' milk bottles.

The alleged confession was obtained by a police detective after two hours' detention of the woman who had been under surveillance since autopsies developed the probability that the infants had been poisoned. "Saturday night after the bottles had been prepared for the babies," the police version of the confession runs, "I put two or three drops of oxalic acid in the bottles. I did not do it with intent to kill the babies, but I wanted to get square with the nurses who were my enemies."

The police believe the Ankers woman is demented. Her story they regard as true, however, and it was officially stated that she would be arrested on charge of homicide tomorrow. It was considered advisable to leave her at the hospital to-night under guard.

Winifred Ankers is 24 years old. She came to the hospital last July with her infant, and, after placing the baby in the care of the hospital, found work in the kitchen. She had been regarded as a phlegmatic sort of character, but occasionally displayed her temper, complaining of the small pay and poor food she said she received.

Suspicion was not directed toward her until four of the babies had died Sunday and Monday. With the death of a fifth baby an autopsy was performed and microscopic examination indicated the presence of oxalic acid or some similar irritant.

When visited by the police officers the young woman was told it would be necessary to remove her baby to some other hospital and she thereupon made the alleged confession.

**Two Famous One-Eyed Men.**

There have come out of Edgefield county, South Carolina, two brilliant one-eyed men—United States Senator Benjamin R. Tillman and D. A. Tompkins, the manufacturing genius of the Piedmont section.

While Tillman has done his work and fighting in the arena of politics, Tompkins has confined his energies to manufacturing and the commercial development of the South.

As a young man Tompkins went to Pennsylvania, and became a mechanic. After a trip to Missouri he returned to the South, and gradually worked up to his prestige of the present day. He is now an eminent authority on all matters affecting the trade of the South, and has written many books on such subjects as good roads, chimneys, immigration, child labor, cooking, manufacturing and cotton.—Popular Magazine.

If you owe us anything, remember that we need the money and expect prompt settlement.

**TUNNEL THROUGH SNOW.**

Is Made to Rescue Passenger Train Buried Thirty-Six Hours.

A train carrying a theatrical company and 40 other passengers which was stalled in the snow on the New York Central, 10 miles east of Oswego, was released at noon after having been held 36 hours, says an Albany, N. Y., special. Two big rotary snow plows had to tunnel through huge drifts to effect the rescue. Never before in railroad history in this State, officials say, has a like condition existed.

Water was kept in the locomotive by shoveling snow into it. Food for the marooned was obtained from a hotel a mile away and the passengers were kept fairly comfortable during the long wait.

Two other passenger trains which had been stalled for 24 hours at Red Creek, near Oswego, were shoveled out last night.

A train load of hogs from Chicago to Boston became stalled in a drift west of Syracuse and many of the hogs were frozen to death. Many railroad men are reported ill as a result of exposure during the past few days.

**Negro Acquitted.**

Winnsboro, Feb. 23.—The negro, Will Suber, who killed a white man named Bouknight at Blair several months ago, was found not guilty at the recent court of general sessions, which adjourned last night after three days of busy work. The testimony on the part of the State and that of the defense showed conclusively that the negro was shot in the back by his assailant before he pulled his pistol and gave the white man a mortal wound in the stomach. After hearing the testimony in the case the presiding judge, Ernest Gary, declared that he could not conscientiously impose a sentence on the defendant if he was convicted, and instructed the foreman of the jury to write out a verdict of not guilty.

**The Only Man.**

The farmer is the only man in the world that can raise farm products at a loss and still stay in the business. The business man that does business at a loss soon goes to the wall; all kinds of business must yield to a profit or else go into liquidation. Here is an object lesson for the farmer if he will only take it; any product that the farmer raises, that does not yield a profit should be abandoned. Since something to eat is so high in price, is a good time for the farmer to raise plenty for home consumption, and some to spare; and then the cotton crop could be reduced without much effort upon the part of those engaged in the business, and cotton would then command a price commensurate with its cost.—Texas Farm Co-operator.

**ESCAPING PRISONER KILLED.**

Ira B. Hurt Victim of Constable's Pistol in Columbia.

Columbia, Feb. 24.—Ira B. Hurt, a white man, about 25 years old, was shot and mortally wounded shortly after noon to-day by Constable Robert O. Thackam. Hurt died in about three minutes after the shooting. Hurt was being taken to the county jail by the constable, after having been convicted in Magistrate James H. Fowles' court during the morning. When the officer and his man had proceeded westward on Hampton street as far as Lincoln, and in the immediate vicinity of the jail, Hurt suddenly darted away, exclaiming: "You'll have to shoot me." Mr. Thackam stated that he called out to the fleeing man, demanding that he halt, but when his words failed to have the desired effect, he shot with the intention of frightening his escaped prisoner, but the pistol was thrown upward when the trigger was pulled, and in this way Hurt received an unintentional wound that caused his death.

City Jailor Marion Kramer and County Jailor Shannon heard the report of the pistol and rushed toward the man, catching him before he fell, and taking him to the jail, where he was placed on the floor in one of the corridors. Hurt died as he was being brought up the jail steps. Mr. Thackam gave himself up to Sheriff W. H. Coleman and was arrested. Bond will be arranged for him at once, it is said.

**One Man Released.**

Greenwood, Feb. 21.—D. M. Cheeks who was arrested yesterday with another white man by the name of Stanley, who was supposed to be wanted for several crimes, has been released. The detective who it is said has been following Stanley, who was arrested at the Grendel mill, arrived here to-day. He visited the jail and upon questioning Stanley closely he weakened some. But the detective says that he is not the man wanted for the various crimes committed by the man he is searching for. He advised the officers to hold Stanley as he expects later developments.

**MOB AT ORANGEBURG JAIL.**

Fire Alarm Used to Disperse Crowd Seeking Girl's Assailant.

Orangeburg, Feb. 23.—A little excitement was caused about 11:30 o'clock last night when the fire alarm was sent in from the county jail box, and those who responded were informed that the jailer had been accosted at the door of the jail by someone, whom he took to be a negro, who asked for the body of Ferdinand Brown, the negro who is charged with attempting an assault on a colored girl here on last Wednesday night. Jailer Bozard says there was somewhat of a crowd on the street in front of the prison and in the yard, and he feared a lynching, so he engaged the parties while his wife phoned to fire headquarters, near by, and asked that the alarm be sent in, which was done. When the big bell began to sound its notes of warning to the city, it is said that the mob, if, indeed, there was a mob, very quickly disbanded and melted away.

It had been reported the day before that Brown had been captured and was in jail, hence the apprehension of the authorities, but, as a matter of fact, Brown has not been apprehended, and is still at large.

**Taft Makes Charge of Falsehood.**

Washington, Feb. 24.—President Taft to-day denied emphatically that in a speech in New York on Lincoln's birthday he said "That the people are not fitted for self-government." In the first official statement of this kind that the White House has ever issued during the Taft administration the president calls the circulation of this story a "falsehood."

The White House statement follows:

"Among the falsehoods that are now being assiduously circulated by persons and papers opposed to the president is one that in his Lincoln day speech the president argued that 'the people are not fitted for self-government.' President Taft said nothing on that occasion which could possibly be tortured into any such construction.

"The speech in which the president made reference to popular government was delivered at the banquet of the State Bar Association in New York on the night of January 20. What he then said on this subject—and it was correctly quoted in the newspapers the following day—was this:

"The popular government we all believe in. There are those of us who believe that all people are not fitted for popular government. The fact is we know they are not. Some of us do not dare say so but I do; and the question whether a people is fitted for popular government so as to make that government best for that people is determined by the ability of the majority of that people to place upon itself the restraint by which the minority shall receive justice from the majority. It is the question of self-imposed restraint that determines whether a people is fit to govern itself."

**Changed His Plans.**

Harrisonburg, Va., Feb. 23.—Six months ago Levi Sager, of Mechanicsville, 86 years old, a gray-haired veteran of the Mexican and civil wars, became despondent and began to prepare for the end. He had his grave dug, his tombstone erected and his coffin made and put in his house, ready for use. He picked out the minister for his last sad rites and selected his pall bearers, and marked the funeral hymn that he loved best.

Early last Sunday morning the community was surprised when Mr. Sager and his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Diana Sager, 60 years old, were married by Rev. W. C. Hoover, of Timberville. The bride was left a widow several years ago by the death of Mr. Sager's son.

The bridegroom is an old warrior, with long, flowing white locks, and was the sprightliest person at the wedding. His marriage was a sensation and his friends declare that it will be many years before he will need the grave, the tombstone, the pallbearers and the beautiful hymn he selected.

Six months ago, Mr. Sager drove six miles to Newmarket and came home with his coffin in full view on top of his usual load of purchases.

The woman who changed Mr. Sager's plans is a dashing brunette of 60.

**Proposed After Thirty Years.**

Following a courtship of 30 years, during which time the bridegroom called on the bride twice a week, with the exception of one month, when he had typhoid fever, James B. Sturdevant at last "popped" the question to Miss Anna Earle, and they were married in Noblesville, Ind.

The bridegroom is 43 and the bride 36. They have been lovers since they were in school together. Sturdevant is a farmer.

**CAPT. JENNINGS WON'T RUN.**

Chief Clerk Carter Candidate for State Treasurer.

Columbia, Feb. 23.—Robert H. Jennings, for 12 years treasurer of the State of South Carolina, announced this afternoon that he would not seek re-election in the primary this year. Following the announcement by Capt. Jennings, S. T. Carter, who has been connected with the state treasurer's office for 14 years, announced that he would enter the race for the position. Mr. Carter has been chief clerk in the department for five years, having previously held the position of bookkeeper. He is well known throughout the State and has many friends, who will be interested in the announcement of his candidacy.

"As State treasurer," said Capt. Jennings, "I was also ex-officio member of several commissions, particularly the sinking fund commission. My hearing is bad and in the meetings, I frequently have to ask that statements be repeated. These conditions are embarrassing, not only to myself, but to the other members of the board. Mrs. Jennings has been ill for some time and her condition will not permit me to make an active campaign during the summer."

"I will be a candidate for State treasurer," said Mr. Carter.

**Contributes to Conscience Fund.**

Columbia, Feb. 21.—An employee of the dispensary in 1900 stole one pint of rye whiskey, and to ease his troubled conscience, which hasn't let him rest since the deed was committed, he wrote a letter to Gov. Bleese confessing his sin, and enclosed a \$1 bill as a contribution to the "conscience fund" for the pint of liquor which he filched from the State. The governor returned the money to the man, telling him that he hoped his sin had been forgiven, and that he should put the dollar to some good purpose. The letter came from Greenville, the man being an employee of a cotton mill. Leaving out the name, the letter is as follows:

"In the year 1900 I was employed by the State, working in the dispensary. While I was working there I stole one pint of rye whiskey. I was out in sin, but the dear Lord has forgiven me for it. I want to make it right with the State, and I feel like you are the one to confess it to. May the Lord bless you. I will send you \$1 to pay for it. I am a poor man, working at the cotton mill for a living. I have a wife and five children. I am poor, but I am rich. I am willing to suffer anything on earth for my Saviour. May God's richest blessings fall upon you. Hoping to hear from you soon."

**The English Language.**

The Winston-Salem Journal quotes an exchange as saying:

"A crowd of ships is termed a fleet; a fleet of sheep is called a flock; a flock of girls is called a bevy; a bevy of wolves is called a pack; a pack of thieves is called a gang; a gang of angels is called a host; a host of porpoises is called a shoal; a shoal of buffaloes is called a herd; a herd of children is called a troop; a troop of partridges is called a covey; a covey of beauties is called a galaxy; a galaxy of ruffians is called a horde; a horde of rubbish is called a heap; a heap of oxen is called a drove; a drove of hoodlums is called a mob; a mob of whales is called a school; a school of worshippers is called a congregation; a congregation of engineers is called a corps; a corps of robbers is called a band; a band of bees is called a swarm; a swarm of people is called a crowd."

All of which causes the Journal to remark that the English language is a thing of beauty but not always a joy forever.

**Tennessee "Drys" Appeal to Voters.**

Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 21.—Calling on friends of prohibition to stand to-night and fight for a legislature that will take no backward step in liquor legislation but will make provision for efficient enforcement of the present laws, the Tennessee State executive committee on law enforcement, appointed at the Thanksgiving Day prohibition conference, issued an address to-day.

The committee predicts that the opposition will set to music for the coming campaign the proposition of "submission to the voters" as regards the liquor question until they get control of the government and election machinery, when the question will cease to be a live issue. The committee considers it more advisable that the prohibition question be set at rest by the election of the governor and legislature in November. Legislation urged by the committee includes making it unlawful to sell beverages containing more than one-half of one per cent. alcohol; making city authorities responsible to the State government to intervene where officials fail to enforce the law.

**TRIED TO TAKE HER LIFE.**

Chester Girl Attempted Suicide on a Main Street of the Town.

Chester, Feb. 21.—Miss Rosa Lemon, a resident of the Eureka mill village, made a desperate but ineffectual effort to commit suicide on one of the main streets of this city.

Troubled over domestic affairs and especially angered at her mother for chastisement, the 16-year-old girl hastened to a drug store and purchased 10 cents worth of laudanum. When about a block distance from the store, she unwrapped the bottle, extracted the stopper and took the drug. Policeman Caldwell, attracted by the peculiar manners of the girl, and detecting what she had done, hurried her to Dr. W. R. Wallace's office. After two hours' strenuous work on the part of Dr. Wallace and the chief of police, Miss Lemon was granted a longer lease on life.

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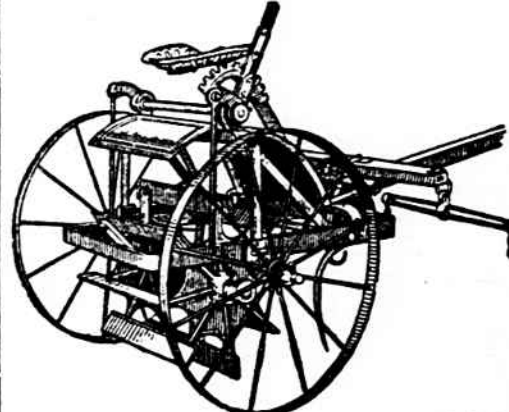
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